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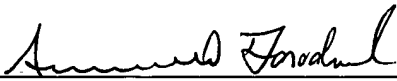
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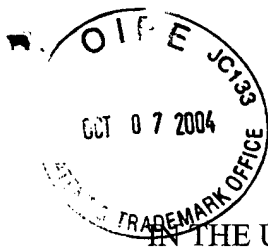
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COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1-7 is appreciated. The Applicant submits the following comments concerning the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance at pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowability. It is the subject matter of each claim as a whole that is patentable, not any particular feature recited in the claim(s). The Applicant does not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement on pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowability.

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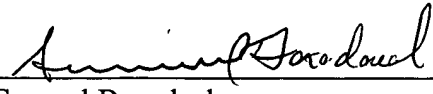
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